

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on State Department Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Richard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary; and Grant S. Green, Under Secretary, Management.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Steven Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education held a hearing on Department of Education Panel: No Child Left Behind Implementation Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Eugene Hickok, Under Secretary, Education; and Susan B. Neuman, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on National Transportation Safety Board. Testimony was heard from Marion C. Blakey, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NSF. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Eamon M. Kelly, Chairman; and Rita R. Colwell, Director, NSF.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Research and Development held a joint hearing on fiscal year 2003 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. John M. Riggs, USA, Director, Objective Force-Task Force; and Lt. Gen. Edward Hanlon, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Select Education held a hearing on the "Corporation for National and Community Service." Testimony was heard from Leslie Lankowsky, CEO, Corporation For National and Community Service; and a public witness.

DRINKING WATER NEEDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "Drinking Water Needs and Infrastructure." Testimony was heard from Ben Grumbles, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Perry Beider, Principal Analyst, CBO; Dave Wood, Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

NRC LICENSED FACILITIES—REVIEW ENHANCED SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met in executive session to hold a hearing entitled "A Review of Enhanced Security Requirements at NRC Licensed Facilities." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NRC: Richard A. Meserve, Chairman; Nils J. Diaz, Edward McGaffigan, Jr., and Jeffrey S. Merrifield, all Commissioners; and David N. Orrik, Reactor Security Specialist, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2941, Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act; and H.R. 3764, Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 2002.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 3763, Corporate and Auditing Accountability, Responsibility, and Transparency Act of 2002.

Will continue April 16.

PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS ACCESS—VIEWS OF HISTORIANS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on "The Importance of Access to Presidential Records: The Views of Historians." Testimony was heard from the following historians: Robert Dallek; Richard Reeves; Stanley Kutler; and Joan Hoff.

PAPERWORK INFLATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "Paperwork Inflation-The Growing Burden on America." Testimony was heard

from John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Vic Rezendes, Managing Director; Strategic Issues, GAO; Thomas Hunt Shipman, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; Scott Cameron, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Performance and Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL SUPPLY SERVICE—FEDERAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICE HOW PURCHASING AGENCIES CHOOSE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement held a hearing on "Making Sense of Procurement's Alphabet Soup: How Purchasing Agencies Choose Between FSS and FTS." Testimony was heard from David E. Cooper, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; Stephen Perry, Administrator, GSA; Claudia S. Knott, Executive Director, Logistics Policy and Acquisition Management, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD COLOMBIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Colombia. Testimony was heard from Otto J. Reich, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; and Maj. Gen. Gary D. Speer, USA, Acting Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights: Abigail Thernstrom, Commissioner; and Les Jim, Staff Director; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: Operations and Fiscal Year 2003 Budget. Testimony was heard from James Rogan, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3470, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Cape Fear Unit NC0907P; H.R. 3908, North American Wetlands Conservation Reauthorization Act; and H.R. 4044, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland for implementation of a program to eradicate nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria. Testimony was heard from Representative McIntyre; Cathleen Short, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Kevin Sullivan, APHIS State Director, Wildlife Services, USDA; Edith Thompson, Invasive Species Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3718, Little San Bernardino Mountains Right-of-Way Act; H.R. 3258, Reasonable Right-of-Way Fees Act of 2001; and H.R. 3307, Vicksburg National Military Park Boundary Modification Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cubin, Thompson of Mississippi and Bono; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Pete Culp, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management; and Durand Jones, Deputy Director, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ADEQUACY FAA OVERSIGHT OF PASSENGER AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Adequacy of FAA Oversight of Passenger Aircraft Maintenance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Nicholas A. Sabatini, Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, FAA; and Alexis M. Stefani, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEMA'S OFFICE OF NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on FEMA's Office of National Preparedness. Testimony was heard from Bruce Baughman, Director, Office of National Preparedness, FEMA; Deborah Daniels, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; and Randall Yim, Managing Director, National Preparedness, GAO.

OVERSIGHT—PASSENGER RAIL IN AMERICA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Passenger Rail in America: What Should It Look Like? Testimony was heard from Jayetta Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1108, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependence and indemnity compensation; H.R. 2095, Reservist VA Home Loan Fairness Act of 2001; H.R. 2222, Veterans Life Insurance Improvement Act of 2001; and H.R. 3731, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase amounts available to State approving agencies to ascertain the qualifications of educational institutions for furnishing courses of education to veterans and eligible persons under the Montgomery GI Bill and under other programs of education administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bilirakis and Filner; Daniel Cooper, Under Secretary, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

WELFARE REFORM REAUTHORIZATION PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Welfare Reform Reauthorization Proposals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mink of Hawaii, Kaptur, Kucinich, Lee, Tierney and Reynolds; Tommy G.

Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

EXPLORE PERMANENT NORMAL RELATIONS FOR RUSSIA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing to explore Permanent Normal Relations for Russia. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lantos and Cox; Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Alan P. Larson, Under Secretary, Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**FARM BILL**

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2646, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
APRIL 12, 2002**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act, 9 a.m., SD-226.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 2646, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, 11 a.m., HC-5 Capitol.